



# Newsletter - 17 July 2020

[Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information](#)

## Our Catholic Mission

SS Peter and Paul Church has now reopened for Mass. Please read the guidance below which explains everything you need to know about the reopening.

[https://www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk/uploads/4/6/9/8/46986483/reopening\\_for\\_mass\\_letter\\_to\\_parrishioners.pdf](https://www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk/uploads/4/6/9/8/46986483/reopening_for_mass_letter_to_parrishioners.pdf)

Mass times are as follows:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	Mass 10am
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	Mass 7pm
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	Mass 10am
Sunday	Mass 11am

Thank you to Father Anthony who came to say Mass today for our Year 6 leavers.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

We are saying a fond farewell to Henry, Thomas and Polly this week. We wish them the very best for the future.

## Mrs Lewis

We also wish Mrs Lewis all the very best as she retires from St. Joseph's today. She has been an extremely valued member of staff for 15 years and has also served as a Governor. We thank her for all her dedicated years of service to our community.

## Year 6 - Bubble 2

This week has seen our Y6 (Bubble 2) return to school. We have loved having them back and being able to say a proper "goodbye". We wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

## Google Meet Transition Sessions

Thank you to children and parents who joined in with our 'Google Meet' sessions with teachers. They were very successful and I know that teachers and children enjoyed catching up together.

## School Communication

Please ensure you have downloaded the school jotter app as this is one of the main ways that we communicate with you.

## Return to School in September

We are very happy that we will be welcoming back Y1-Y6 classes on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. You should have received our 'Welcome Guide' which explains everything you need to know about children returning to school. Please see the school website for more information.

## School meals from September

As lunches will be taken in the class bubbles, our menu has had to change to reflect how these are provided. Please see the school website for the reduced menu information. You will need to pre-book by Wednesday of the preceding week on Parentpay as normal.

## Family lunches and Breaktime Snacks

Unfortunately, we will be unable to accommodate family lunches or breaktime snacks in the Autumn term at this time.

## Summer Reading Challenge

If you've not done so already, please [sign your child up](#) for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) which is available now online.

## Class pupil numbers

If you know anyone who is in need of a school place for their child/ren from September 2020, we have spaces in Y3 and Y6. We anticipate these places will be filled quickly so would encourage mid-year applications to be submitted as soon as possible. Further information can be found on the school website.

## Online Safety

In line with our 'Be Internet Legends' programme in school, these resources [here](#) for parents are designed to support what you're doing at home – and help you celebrate those 'Little Wins' throughout summer.

### Messages from Mrs McLeary

Dear Children,

Thank you for working so hard for your teachers during this last half term, whether you have been at school or at home. I know that many of you have completed some outstanding work and you should be very proud of yourselves just as your teachers are very proud of you. I miss you all very much and hope that you are all really looking forward to returning to St Joseph's in September to get cracking with your learning and to see your friends again. I am slowly getting better and can't wait to see you all again. My prayers are always with you all as you continue to 'grow with Jesus.'

Lots of love

Mrs McLeary

Dear Parents,

I cannot thank you enough for the way in which you have supported St Joseph's in the difficult decisions that have had to be made during these extremely challenging times. I also thank you for the way you have consistently done your best for your children with their learning, whether they have been in school or at home. I understand how difficult it has been for many of you to home school your children whilst also having to work from home yourselves - especially if you also have children in GSCE or A level years! I also feel for those of you who have had the pressures of family illnesses to take into consideration when deciding whether to send your children back to school. However, now I look forward to all our children returning to school in September and hope that you enjoy some well deserved family time during the summer break. Thank you for your continued good wishes and thoughts during my recovery. You are assured of my prayers for yourselves and your families and I hope to see you all soon.

Best wishes,

Mrs McLeary

### And finally

On behalf of the staff, I would like to say a big thank you for all your kind words, lovely gifts and support. We are very grateful! I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to your return in September.

### *Prayer of St. Benedict*



*Gracious and Holy Father  
Give us wisdom to perceive you  
Intelligence to understand you  
Diligence to see you  
Patience to wait for you  
Eyes to behold you  
A heart to meditate on you  
And a life to proclaim you  
Through the power of the  
Spirit of Jesus Christ Our Lord  
Amen*

May God be with you

*Miss Briers*

Acting Headteacher

### Looking Ahead:

#### Dates

INSET day Tuesday 1st September

INSET day Wednesday 2nd September

Break up for Half Term Friday 23rd October